

# THE CONSERVATION BATTLE

## Men in Either House of Congress Who Will Be Prominent in the Debates Over This Important Legislation



SENATOR E. W. WEEKE

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**H** EYBURN and Weeks, Mondell and Carter, Smith and Beveridge, Dixon and Lever, to say nothing of La Follette—these are the names of present-day Federal Senators and Representatives who are destined to be heard of often in the near future when Congress gets down to real business on the conservation of National resources proposition which of late months has been keeping most of us up late o' nights discussing it in all its various phases.

These are the men who will undoubtedly lead in the debates that will take place on the divers conservation bills now before Congress—bills that call for all manner of conserving in all parts of the country. There are bills expressing the popular idea of conservation, which undoubtedly confines itself to forestry, to coal, oil and phosphate, lands on the public domains and to water power. There are bills which express the sentiment of Eastern members of Congress and have to do with deeper harbors and better facilities for the navigation of rivers; and many a Middle Western Congressman's interest in this nationally new and entertaining subject centers chiefly in bills looking towards the establishment and maintenance of deep waterways, reaching thousands of miles inland from the coast.

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Man of Picturesque Opinions.

Just as the Wisconsin Senator is one of the most radical supporters of a broad conservation policy, so the Idaho legislator is everywhere recognized as one of the leading opponents of conservation in its varied phases. Also, he is pretty generally recognized as a man of most decided opinions, a characteristic which seems to have grown with his years, which now number 57, and which began back in Pennsylvania in Quaker-settled Delaware County. Senator Heyburn, who has been of that faith, and like most Quaker parents, having seen to it that their son had a good education before sending out into the "grazing" of a book. The Senator is a large man physically, notwithstanding the fact that his height is not above the average. His face is ruddy and florid, and he is a faultless dresser. Altogether, it is not an uncommon thing for visitors in the Senate galleries to express surprise that the Far Western and comparatively new Senator from Idaho should be represented in the Senate by a man of the social type of Senator Heyburn.

Senator Heyburn, during his Congressional career has never hesitated to land a body-blow on the Forest Service when opportunity offered. One of these attempts by him "grazing" somewhat of a boomerang. A few years ago, while making a speech in the Senate against the Forestry Bureau, he charged that the Forestry Service was packing various conventions in Western States with forest rangers and charging the expenses of their trips to and from the conventions to the account of "hay and grain." This particular item proved a source of considerable sarcasm on the part of the Senator and served to mystify the Forest Service itself not a little.

How Heyburn Astonished President.

On another occasion Senator Heyburn went to the White House to see President Roosevelt for the purpose of protesting against the inclusion of certain lands in Idaho within the boundaries of a forest reservation. Roosevelt, then chief forester of the Government, and with a map of Idaho before them, the three men set about to settle the mooted question.

Senator Heyburn proved particularly insistent during the argument that he knew exactly what he was talking about. "Why, I know this Blitter Root reserve from beginning to end," said the Senator. "I have been all over it. Why, see here," he added, pointing triumphantly at the map, "these are the Grassy Mountains, eminently suited for grazing pur-

poses and not at all suitable for forestry." The President and Mr. Pinchot looked with astonishment for the moment at Senator Heyburn had discovered lands which they had never heard of before.

Senator Heyburn, who had for the moment discarded his spectacles, was not nonplused for an instant. He completely ignored the incident and went right on with his argument as though nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

It is fair to set down Senator Heyburn as an extremist in those matters in which he is most interested. Quite recently, as the country doubtless still remembers, he went hot-foot after Virginia for daring to place in Statuary Hall, in the National Capitol, a bust of General Robert E. Lee, and a little later he opposed a loan of Government tents to a Confederate veterans' reunion. When the tariff bill was under consideration last Summer he came out flatfootedly for the very highest rates that could be imposed on every article in the bill.

Senator Carter—His Way.

Senator Thomas H. Carter, of Montana, who is the only member of the Senate to have been a member of the Republican National Committee since the war who have ever suffered defeat, is regarded by the extreme friends of conservation as one of their shrewdest opponents. Let there be a storm of any kind in the Senate and Senator Carter who is only 55, but whose snow white hair and goatee make him look at least 60, will be there to lead.

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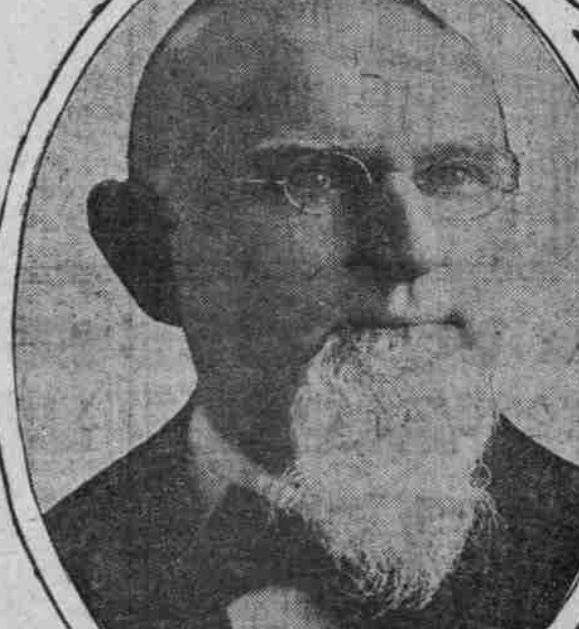
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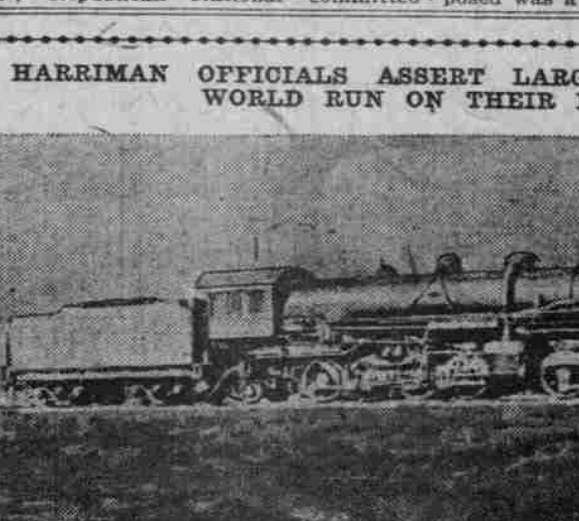
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HARRIMAN OFFICIALS ASSERT LARGEST ENGINES IN WORLD RUN ON THEIR LINES.

Assertions made by the Great Northern Railway Company that engine No. 2906, built in the Twin City shops, and described in The Oregonian recently, is the biggest in the world, are disputed by O. R. & N. officials. It is asserted by them that there are four engines in operation on the O. R. & N. lines in Oregon that outfigure the Great Northern.



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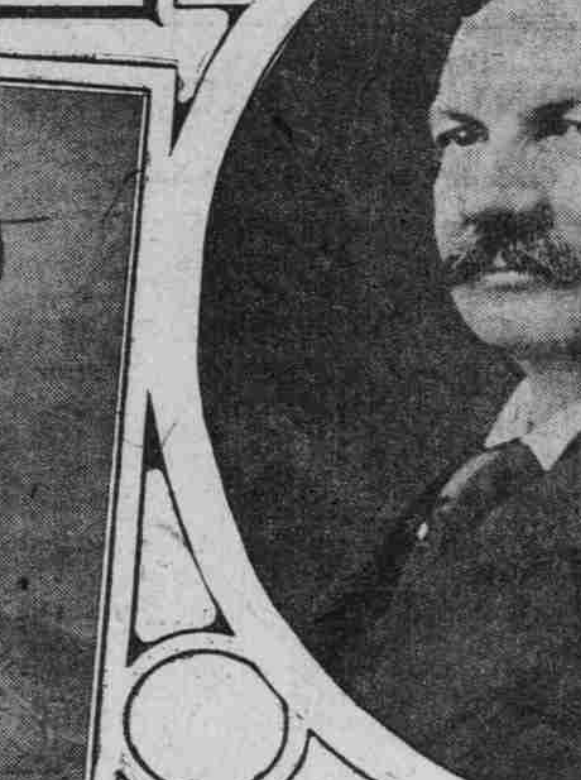
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